

Anderson resident Duane Hoak recently [received the Madison County Bar Association's Community Service Award](#) for his various volunteer and community service roles. Today Congressman Pence thanked Mr. Hoak for his service in the letter below:

October 20, 2010

Dear Mr. Hoak,

It is my honor and privilege to congratulate you on receiving the Madison County Bar Association's Community Service Award. Thank you for decades of service to local organizations like United Way, the Kiwanis Club, the Anderson Symphony Orchestra, the Anderson/Madison County Visitors & Convention Bureau, the Salvation Army, and the Anderson Public Library. It is with great respect that I pay tribute to your commitment to making your community a better place to live.

You know first-hand the joy that comes from helping others. Ivan Scheier, a leader in the volunteer community, said, "The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good."

I am encouraged by your belief that your abilities should be developed, not just for the benefit of yourself and your family, but also for those in need. You are an inspiration to your peers all over the great state of Indiana, and I am sure they join me in saying that your service is invaluable.

Best wishes as you continue your service in Madison County. I look forward to hearing of your future success.

Sincerely,
Mike Pence